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SUBJ: FINANCING OF UNHCR CY77 PROGRAM IN THAILAND

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY PRESENTS FINANCIAL NEEDS OF UNHCR PROGRAM IN THAILAND FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR THAILAND PROGRAM ARE PRESENTLY RUNNING AT APPROXIMATELY \$575,000, ALL BUT \$100,000 OF WHICH GOES FOR FOOD. MISSION HAS NO IDEA WHERE JAEGER COULD HAVE OBTAINED \$200,000-\$250,000 FIGURE CITED REF A.

2. RTG HAS STILL NOT GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO UNHCR CY 77 BUDGET, DESPITE REP UNHCR ATTEMPTS TO SECURE IT. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PRODUCED PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT ON BUDGET WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS, SUPERSEDING ORIGINAL UNHCR PROJECTION CONTAINED REF C.

(IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS)

FOOD.....5.00

SHELTER.....0.50

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MEDICAL NEEDS.....0.35

WATER SUPPLY.....0.25

BLANKETS, ETC.....0.40

SELF-RELIANCE SCHEMES.....2.00

EDUCATION.....0.10

INTERNAL/TRANSPORTATION.....0.30

SUB-TOTAL.....8.90 (VICE ORIGINAL UNHCR

ESTIMATE OF \$7.6 MILLION AND RTG REQUEST FOR \$15.6 MILLION)

RESETTLEMENT TRANSPORTATION 2.50

PROGRAM SUPPORT.....1.00

TOTAL.....12.40

3. AS THINGS NOW STAND, UNHCR BANGKOK HAS NO REAL CASH ON HAND. LAST MONEY TRANSFERRED TO RTG ON DEC 23 CAN BE EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL MID-JAN. UNHCR IS NOT YET AWARE OF PERCENTAGE OF FRG GRANT OR OUR OWN \$500,000 PAYMENT IT WILL RECEIVE BUT EXPECTS THAT GENEVA WILL RETAIN A PORTION FOR SUPPORT EXPENSES, AS IS CUSTOMARY.

4. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE BERTA RUNS A TIGHT OPERATION FINANCIALLY, AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED IN THE PAST. HIS PROGRAM AND THE BUDGET, AS REVISED, APPEAR TO US TO BE SOUND AND REASONABLE (ASSUMING THAT UNHCR WILL INDEED BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING RESETTLEMENT TRANSPORTATION). WHILE ORGANIZATION WILL REQUIRE SOMEWHERE IN EXCESS OF \$500,00 PER MONTH FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS INSIDE THAILAND, BOTH IT WE CONSIDER IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT SELF-RELIANCE SCHEMES BE TACKLED SOONEST. THEY CONSTITUTE FIRST STEP TOWARD REDUCING UNHCR EXPENSES IN THAILAND AS WELL AS PROVIDING WAY OF EASING INTO MORE PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES IN THAILAND, WITHOUT CALLING IT THAT. FACT THAT RTG REQUESTED INCREASE IN THAT PORTION OF THE BUDGET IS ENCOURAGING IN ITSELF. IF, IN ADDITION TO NORMAL OPERATING FUNDS, MONEY IS NOT FORTHCOMING EARLY IN THE YEAR TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THOSE AREAS OF THAILAND WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE, THEN WE ARE LEFT WITH A STATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WHICH COULD GO ON FOR YEARS, AS UNRWA HAS DONE IN MIDDLE EAST.
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